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Julie Carter

Secretary of the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining

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Dear Ms. Carter,

I am adding my voice to those who are calling out to you to not allow dangerous Tar Sands development in Utah. I can't understand why this technique, which uses more green house gas causing energy than it creates, while destroying the fragile and beautiful desert, is even something reasonable people would consider.

Most of us here in Grand County only recently became aware of the potential for this mine. The county has been inundated with energy related entities requesting a variety of uses and they need time to study the impacts of these activities and make comments.

Our air quality has been steadily worsening and threats to wildlife and natural features are increasing. It's a sad commentary on human affairs when we are willing to continue damaging the earth, soon to the point of no return, without realizing what we are doing.

I understand that this project's phase II is only presented in conceptual form. As time goes by, won't the baseline data and other contextual conditions, used to conduct impact analysis, become obsolete? The State should conduct a thorough analysis of Phase II when EER is ready to proceed with it. The public should be afforded the opportunity to comment on Phase II of the project prior to Phase II initiation, if by horrible circumstance, this project should be permitted.

I spend most of my time in the streams, on the trails, and along the byways of this amazingly beautiful region. Our group, Solutions of Moab, www.moab-solutions.org, works hard to protect natural areas as we promote the respect, rethink, reduce, reuse and recycle lifestyle. Please see our projects page at the website listed.

Thank you for your time and attention to this email.

Sincerely,

Sara Melnicoff

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